N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) At present, Gwalior is the only Air Force Base in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal for setting up Air Force units in Jaipur, Vidisha or Narsingarh.

Unauthorisedly use of defence land for non-defence purposes

4142. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:
PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several acres of Government land under his Ministry are being unauthorisedly used for non-defence purposes by various Army/Air Force/Navy/Coast Guards Units in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Ministry has been consulted in this regard if so, the details thereof and the guidelines in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken to curb the practice and the action taken against those responsible for such unauthorised use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Some instances where defence land was unauthorisedly used by the Services for non-defences purposes have been brought to the notice of the Government. Full details of such are being obtained. Ministry is looking into each such case which has been brought to its notice and action as appropriate is being taken.

Construction of Submarines at Mazagaon Dock Limited

4143. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct submarines indigenously at Mazagaon Dock Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the submarines are likely to be ready for use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Government sanction has been issued for indigenous construction of two SSK Submarines at Mazagaon Dock Limited, Mumbai. These are likely to be inducted in the Indian Navy between the years 2004 and 2006.

Acquisition of up-to-date versions of submarines

4144. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sub-marine wing of the Indian Navy is adequately equipped to meet the Pakistani and other onslaughts;

(b) if not, the steps being taken to acquire up-to-date versions of submarines; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to acquire submarines from Russia; if so, details thereof; and whether during his recent visit to Russia he discussed the relevant aspects with the Government if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N SOMU): (a) to (c) Government sanction has been given for the

indigenous construction of two submarines at Mazagaon Dock Limited, Mumbai. There is a proposal for import of two submarines from Russia. The discussions with Russian authorities are in progress.

Delay in payment of salary to employees of Race Course Air Force School

4145. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Force School, Race Course, New Delhi under the management of Indian Air Force, has not paid salary to its employees for the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any action for this lapse on the part of the concerned officials; and

(d) if not, by when action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Salary is regularly being paid to the staff of Air Force School, Race Course, New Delhi. At times, some delay may takes place in disbursement of salaries on account of delay in release of grant by Directorate of Education, Delhi Government.

(c) and (d) The delay is not attributable to the Air Force management of the school.

Indo-Russian deal on Air Defence System

4146. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a deal with Russia on obtain an Air Defence System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the performance of this defence system;

(d) the number of countries are using this system and the performance report; and

(e) the terms of payment for this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Export subsidy to Goa Shipyard Limited

4147. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goa Shipyard Limited has sought export subsidy to become price-competitive against Chinese Shipyards in the $ 1 billion market for small and medium vessels in East Asia;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and implications thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) the details of the action taken thereon and present status of the proposal; and

(e) the details of the small and medium vessels manufactured and exported during the last three years and targets for 1997-98;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (d) It is